

DOG SPRANG AT THE PRISONER.

Sport Taken to Court to Establish the Identity of a Burglar.

Animal Had Had an Encounter with the Thief at His Master's House.

When Johnson Was Led into Court There Was an Exciting Scene.

DOG TRIED TO BREAK HIS CHAIN.

Pulled His Master Off His Seat in His Effort to Get at the Accused Man—Prosecuting Attorney Satisfied with the Identification.

There was a pure white bulldog, with pink eyes, and almost covered with scars, as souvenirs of many battles with other dogs, some in the prize ring, before Justice Steers yesterday in the Flatbush Police Court. The dog had as ugly looking a face as his master gave him a reputation for ferociousness.

The dog is named Sport. He was brought into court at the end of a heavy chain by his owner, William R. Gorman, who lives at the corner of Ocean and Newkirk avenues. Sport was produced at the request of Acting Captain Collins, of the Parkville Police District, in the hope that the dog could aid him in establishing Harry W. Johnson, who had been arrested for vagrancy, as a burglar.

About ten days ago a burglar forced an entrance into the home of Mr. Gorman through a kitchen window. Sport was on guard that night, he heard the window rattle and picked up his ears. He hid in wait for the burglar, and when the man got his body through the window the dog made a leap for him. The burglar jumped out of the window. The dog gave an alarm and jumped after him. The dog tubbed his teeth in the burglar's leg. There was a fierce struggle between the burglar and the dog. The burglar, however, freed himself before Mr. Gorman got downstairs with a pistol, but not before the dog had retained a piece of his trousers and a small piece of flesh.

Captain Gorman thought that the dog would recognize the burglar if he saw him again. So did the dog's owner.

Johnson was in a cell in the cellar of the Flatbush Town Hall when the dog arrived in court. The dog was given a seat on a settee near the door through which Johnson would have to pass in order to be arraigned before the Judge.

When Johnson was led from his cell into the court room the animal gave a series of low growls. The police watched him. The dog poked his head forward and sniffed in the direction of the prisoner. His eyes never left Johnson from the time he passed the door until he reached the bench rail. The chain of the dog was held loosely, so that he could go several feet from his perch on the settee if he cared to. Suddenly the dog made a leap in the direction of the prisoner. He was so anxious to get at him that he pulled his master, who was holding the chain, off the settee and onto the floor. Johnson became frightened and edged away from the dog. The dog then made another spring for the prisoner. This time it was for Johnson's throat.

The judge was getting serious and for fear that the dog might do the prisoner injury the brute was removed from the court room and chained up lightly. "This is sufficient for identification for me," remarked Assistant District Attorney Pland. "but we will take some evidence now."

Policeman Charles W. Stokum declared that there had been many burglaries of late in and about the Parkville District, and since Johnson's arrest the burglaries had suddenly ceased. He saw Johnson at 3:15 o'clock on the morning of November 24 coming from the direction of the residence of Henry J. Flannigan, at the corner of Forty-third street and Sixteenth avenue. He could not give a good account of himself, and he was arrested for vagrancy. He had a strongly made back lifted up his sleeve.

Later it was ascertained that an attempt had been made to enter the residence of Mr. Flannigan by forcing a window, and the instrument used left an imprint that exactly fitted the back-lifter found on Johnson.

William Robitzek, a tenor soloist in a New York church, and living on New York avenue and Avenue F, told how Johnson had crawled into his bedroom at midnight and carried away his clothing, money and a diamond stud, all valued at \$100.

Justice Steers held Johnson, who refused to make a statement, for the action of the Grand Jury. Bail was fixed at \$2,500. Johnson is only twenty-four years old.

DINNER TO THE SUPERVISORS.

Newly Elected Queens County Officials Given a Banquet.

District Attorney-elect William J. Youngs and Treasurer-elect Charles L. Phillips, of Queens County, yesterday tendered a banquet to the Queens County Board of Supervisors at the Hardware Club, in New York. Among the Supervisors present were David L. Van Nostrand, of Little Neck; Augustus Deaton, of New Hyde Park; Samuel J. Underhill, of Jericho; George W. Smith, of Rockville Centre; Joseph Bernini, of Middle Village; Frederick W. Dunton, of Hollis; and Henry C. Knafman, of Long Island City.

This was the first banquet of its kind ever tendered to the Supervisors, and as a result, it aroused considerable speculation among the politicians of Queens County. The both Youngs and Phillips are Republicans. The latter was a hardware clerk until recently, when Governor Morton appointed him a member of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, at a salary of \$3,500 a year.

The Board of Supervisors recently manifested its friendship to Mr. Youngs by increasing the salary of the incoming Assistant District Attorney from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

INTEREST ON BONDS UNPAID.

Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Road Said to Be Hard Pushed for Cash.

The Brooklyn & Brighton Beach Railroad Company is said to be hard pushed for money. The September interest on the bonds has not yet been paid, and is now overdue thirty days. This renders the company liable to foreclosure proceedings.

The bonds outstanding amount to \$500,000, and the annual interest is \$25,000. The company's last annual statement shows that the company's deficit for fixed charges amounts to \$48,505, and that on July 1 last the total deficit was \$204,527.

MAY HAVE A NEW CHURCH.

Dr. Warren's Resignation Has Caused Many to Leave the Ocean Hill Baptist Congregation.

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. George T. Warren from the pastorate of the Ocean Hill Baptist Church, Brooklyn, will, it is feared by members, lead to the disruption of the church society and the organization of a new one.

Dr. Warren resigned Sunday morning, and within twenty-four hours over 100 members of the church had filed letters of resignation. They are friends of Dr. Warren, and say he has been unjustly treated by men and women belonging to the Miller faction.

Dr. Warren's friends intend to found a new church and offer him the pastorate. A hall has been secured, and it is probable that services will be held next Sunday.

It is difficult to induce any of the trustees to speak of the matter, as they, it is said, are pledged to secrecy.

Treasurer H. B. Miller, leader of the opposition to Dr. Warren, refused to say a word about the trouble. One of the causes of it was the election of Philip Evans as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Evans was not a member of the church when elected. He is a friend of Dr. Warren.

It is said that Dr. Warren was insulted by a member of the Miller faction at a prayer meeting the other night. This is the third time in the history of the church that large bodies have resigned because of dissension and formed new churches.

Under Sheriff Skidmore Dead.

Huntington, L. I., Dec. 1.—William H. Skidmore, Under Sheriff, died suddenly this morning from apoplexy. Mr. Skidmore was born in Franklinville, Suffolk County, sixty-four years ago. He engaged in the fishing business when a young man, and in 1877 married Miss George Hudson, of Wading River. In 1895 he came here and engaged in the butcher business. Mr. Skidmore's wife died a few years after his marriage, and he married a second time.

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